Free Our Data
A Technology Guardian campaign

Aim: Make impersonal data collected by UK government organisations available for the cost of reproduction (for digital = 0)

There is lots of data in there...

nitrogen oxide levels

locations of every object bigger than a shed

demographic data

postcodes

tidal data

manufacturing data

car registrations

locations of buildings

school league tables

They can’t decide inside government

“A further important factor contributing to the sector not reaching its full potential is a lack of clarity about the government’s policy on PSI (which could be better informed by a proper assessment of whether PSI should be provided for free).”

“On the one hand, the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005, the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Transformational Government initiative aim to make as much PSI available as widely and cheaply as possible. On the other hand, the Trading Funds' requirement to fulfil income-generating targets and the Wider Markets Initiative (WMI) encourage PSIHs to earn an income from selling or licensing PSI. “

–OFT report on The Commercial Use of Public Information (Dec 2006)

Government is too restrictive

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Crime tables

Wards with most crime

Ward	Area	Crimes 2004-05	Crimes 2005-06
Regency	Brighton and Hove	5,968	6,907
St Peter's and North Laine	Brighton and Hove	3,794	4,097
Devonshire	Eastbourne	3,513	3,552
Queen's Park	Brighton and Hove	3,156	2,954
Northgate	Crawley	2,330	2.916
Castle	Hastings	2,733	2,726
Central District	Worthing	2,749	2,616
East Brighton	Brighton and Hove	1,951	1,990
Marine District	Worthing	1,711	1,782
Chichester South District Ward	Chichester	1,676	1,560

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Compare it in the US...

Currently listing crimes from November 2, 2005 to February 22, 2007.

Browse crimes by...

» Crime type

Examples: Arson · Homicide · Assault · Gambling

» Street

Browse streets to block level, and map nearby crimes.

» Date

Drill down to detailed hour-by-hour lists of all crime reports.

» Police district / beat

Not sure which district you're looking for? Find it on our map.

» ZIP code

Examples: 60615 · 60634 · 60659

» Ward

Examples: Ward 3 · Ward 23 · Ward 44

» Location

Examples: ATM · CTA train · Gas station · Bowling alley

» City map

Filter crimes by multiple criteria, and view them on one map.

» Route

Draw a line on the map of Chicago, and we'll display crimes along that route.

» Blotter NEW FEATURE

See the reported stories behind selected crimes, courtesy of the Chicago Journal newspaper.

Search by exact address...

GO

Example: "1060 w. addison"

Site news RSS

More site news

New block-level archive pages

May 9, 2006

Now that we're storing crime data (i.e., not deleting it any more after 90 days), we'll be making some changes to the site to make it easier to view older crime reports. Today we unveiled the first phase of this plan: Each block page, which displays only the latest 20 crimes, now has a link to a page with *all* crimes reported on that block since this site began collecting data Nov. 2, 2005. For example: 100 S. State St. has a link to all crimes on 100 S. State St..

New feature: Police blotter

March 21, 2006

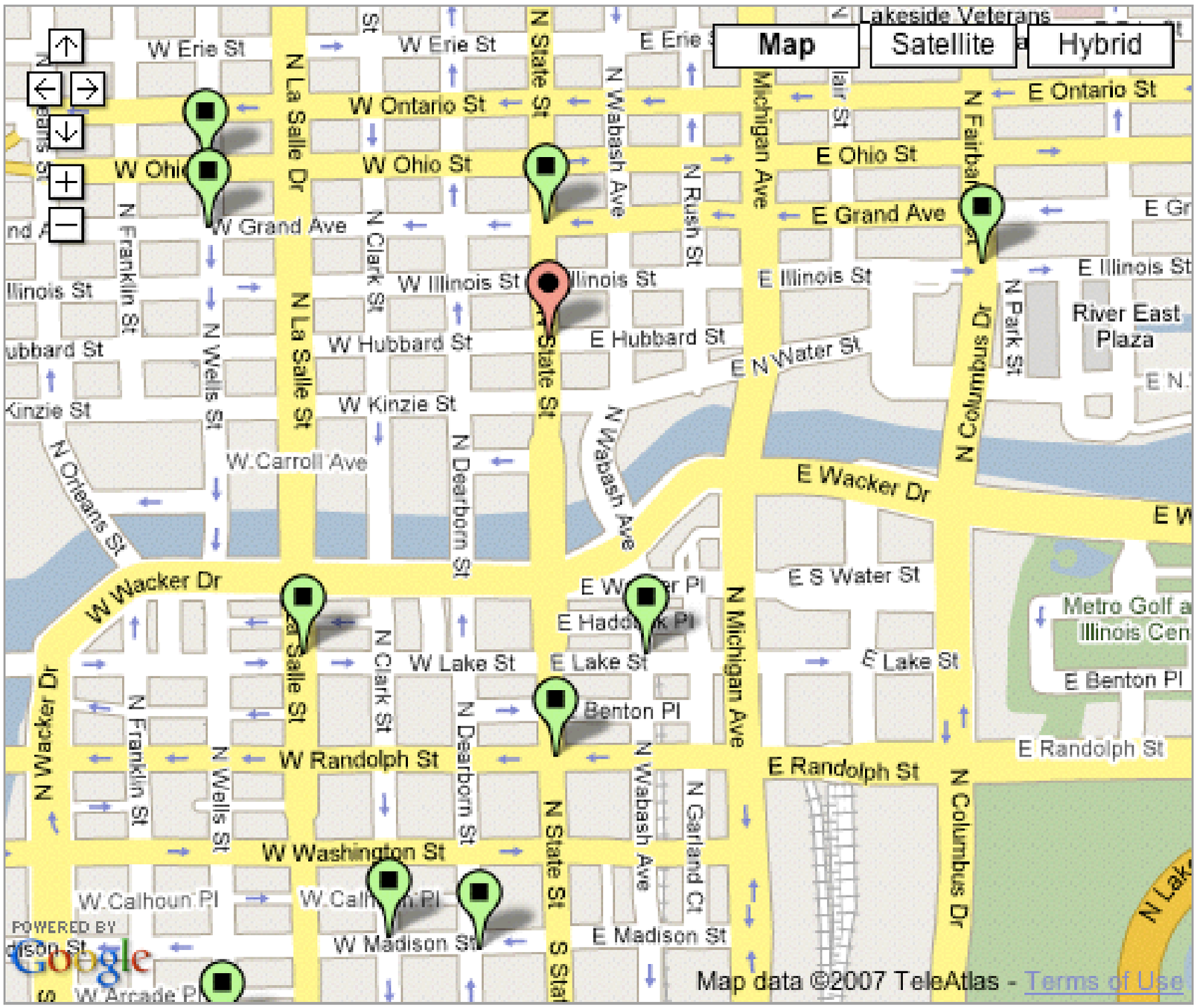
Until now, this site has featured raw crime-report data, with no "stories behind the crimes." Thanks to help from the Chicago Journal newspaper, now we're displaying synopses of selected crimes. The new blotter page lists all crimes that have synopses, and each crime that has a synopsis will display it on its crime page (example). Synopses are added once a week. An RSS feed is also available.

Important disclaimer: This site is *not* affiliated with the Chicago Police Department. This site uses crime data obtained from the CPD's Citizen ICAM Web site,

and look more closely..

Crime map

More than 100 crimes were found -- only the latest 100 are displayed. Narrow the list using the choices below.



Filter crimes

ATM

All crime types

All districts

Nov. 2, 2005 to Feb. 22, 2007

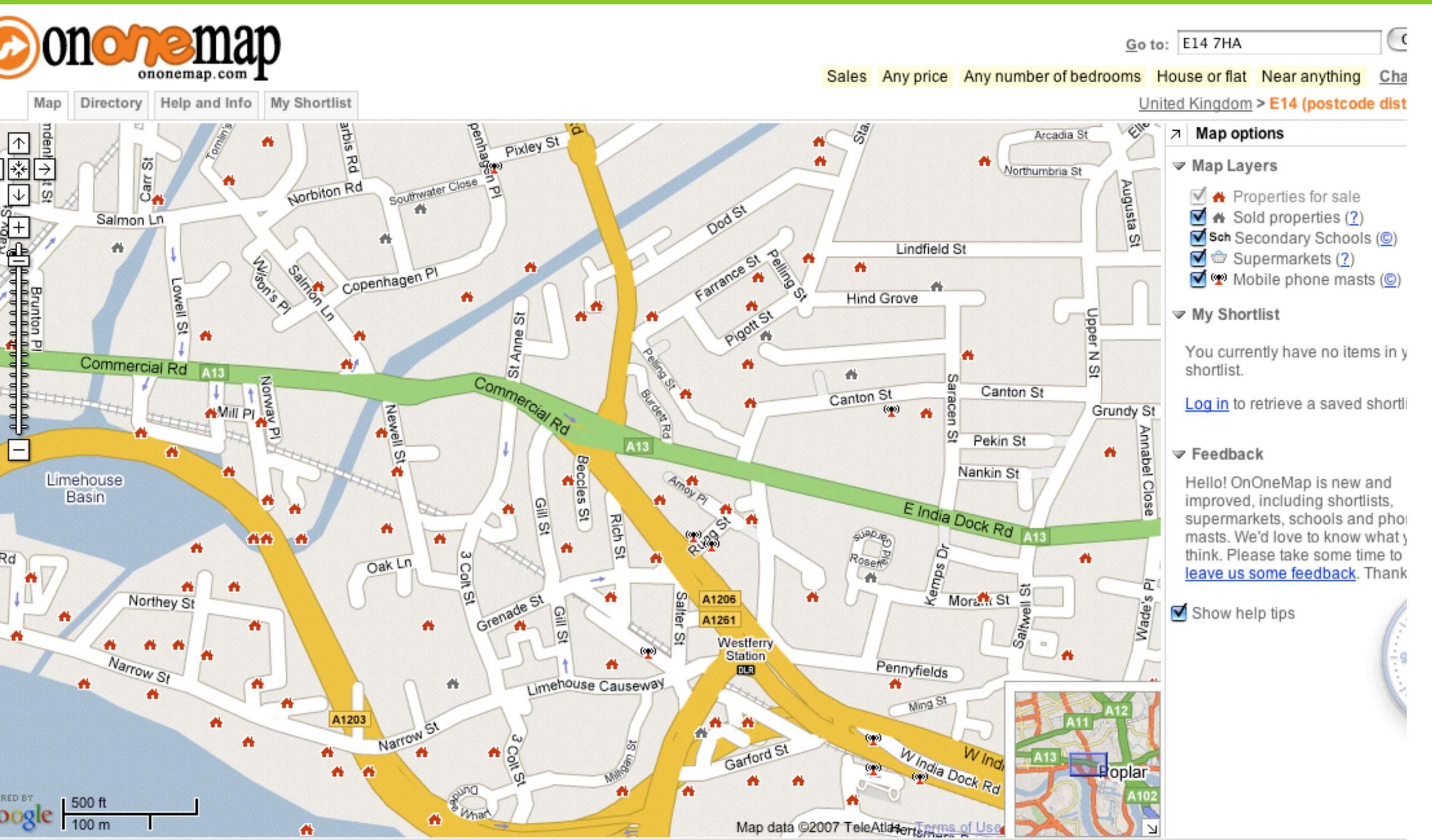
Midnight to Next midnight

Update map

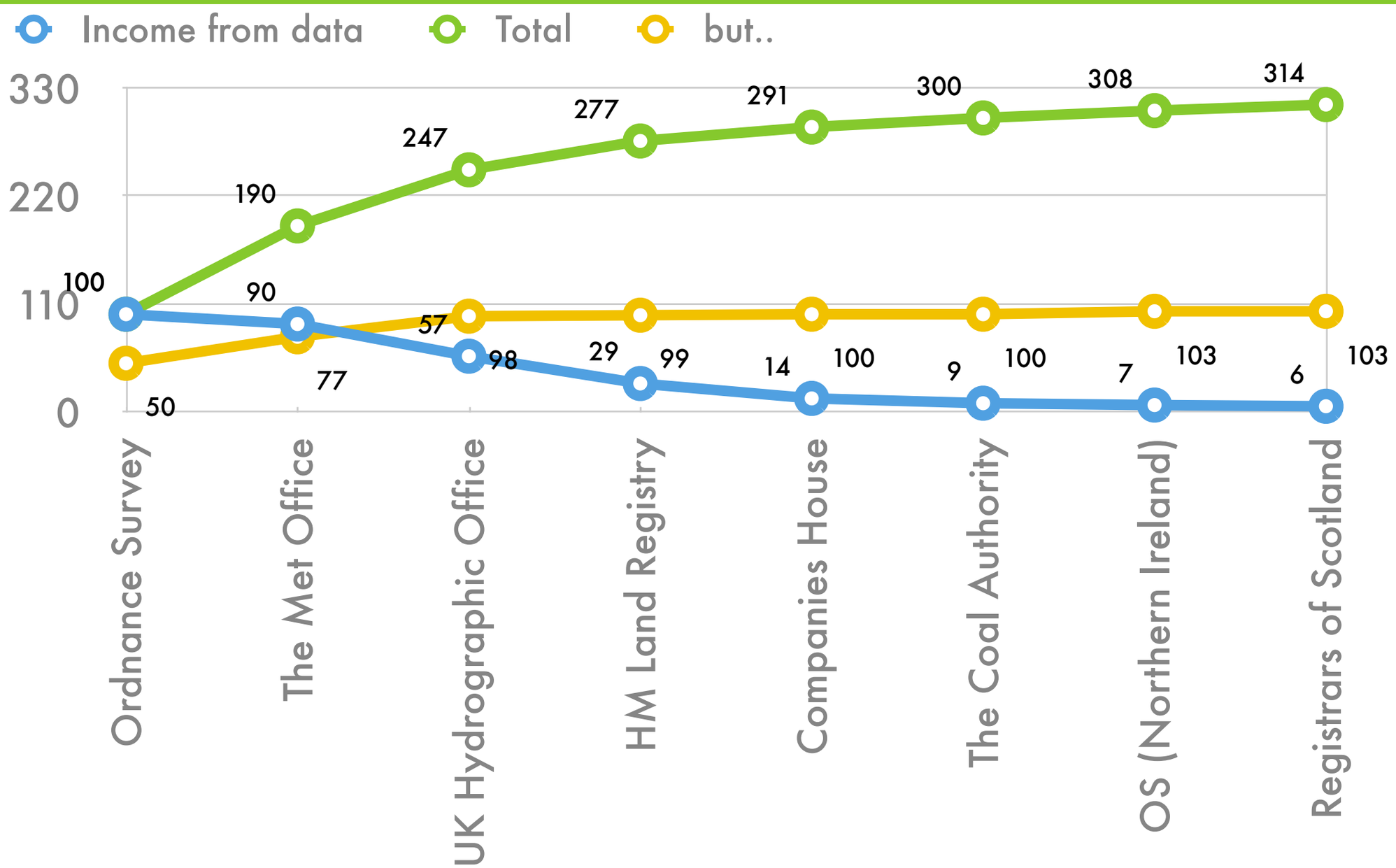
Crime classifications key

- Person
- Person (domestic)
- Property
- Property (domestic)
- Society
- Society (domestic)

but there are signs of hope



Here's how it grows



Try doing the maths

We have concluded that improvements can be made. We estimate that, with these improvements, the sector could double in terms of the value it contributes to the UK economy to a figure of £1 billion annually.

– OFT, December 2006

Q: What's 25% corporation tax on £1 billion?

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